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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

After the claims, please insert a page containing the Abstract Of The Disclosure, which is attached hereto as a separately typed page.

BATON**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to a baton comprising at least two tube pieces, an outer tube piece and an inner tube piece which can be inserted into each other like a telescope and are interlockable in both the retracted and the deployed position. A radially displaceable locking top is disposed in the final region of the inner tube piece, which can be inserted into the outer tube piece, while a circumferential catching groove is arranged on the inside of the final region of the outer tube piece. The locking top is composed of several parts that are embodied like sectors of a circle and are joined so as to form a ring while the locking cap extends past the final region of the inner tube piece by means of a locking bulb. An expanding cone for the locking top is placed inside the inner tube piece across from the catching groove for the locking bulb, said expanding cone being movable to a limited extent in an axial direction and being fixed at the end of a positioning rod.